

## Correspondence.

OMAHA, Cozzen's Hotel,  
Feb. 7th, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—I have been a constant reader of your valuable paper and my feelings, I must say, are in accordance with the sentiments generally expressed therein.

I am a great admirer of Brigham Young and think he has done much to ameliorate the conditions of his fellow man. He is to my mind the greatest pioneer of this the nineteenth century, and also the best abused man.

I have been lately a resident of Utah, having worked hard in the mines there, and eventually succeeded in making a sufficient raise to enable me to return and settle down in my native State, New York, whither I am now going.

I beg to enclose a few lines of poetry addressed to Brigham Young.

I am Sir,  
Yours obediently,  
EPHRAIM BOLIVAN.

TO BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Brigham, the Pioneer of the West,  
America is proud of you to-day;  
Right gladly does she rank you with the best.

She's had of sons who've bravely paved the way,  
I mean the way to peace, as well as plenty.

Offered to all who choose to toil,  
Giving good chance to nineteen out of twenty.

Newcomers to this rich and fertile soil.  
Has fame not said alike to one and all  
Of Utah, that she is the richest land on earth,

A perfect mine of glittering mineral?  
Foremost she leads the ranks of sterling worth;

Mammon, for which poor human kind is striving

Abundant is within this peaceful land.  
You are the man who've aided us in thriving—

Brigham, we offer you our thankful hand.  
Of hardships you have had a larger share,  
I think, than falls to lot of many a man.  
Utah a sterile desert was and bare,  
The time its dreary face you first did scan.

No matter, you a mighty work have done.  
Columbia's sons united voices raise,  
Greeting as one, the noble acts of one  
Her sons can ne'er forget, ne'er cease to praise.

#### A Whole Settlement Devastated by a Mad Dog.

Mr. Bunnell, of Scranton, Pa., a few days since returned home from Susquehanna county, and relates to the editor of the *Republican* the following story: He says cattle and sheep are dying from the disease, and it is feared that some persons who have been doctoring the animals, not knowing what was the matter with them, will fall victims to the terrible disease. The people are very much exercised, and are living in perfect dread since they have found out the facts and causes of the disease among the brute creation. They do not know but one-half the dogs in the township have been bitten and liable to go mad any moment. The facts are as follows:

During the holidays, after the family of Mr. Richard Davis had retired for the night, they heard a noise about the barn. John Davis got up; took his gun, went out and saw a dog. He fired but missed the animal. The dog made for him and he beat a hasty retreat. The dog was not seen at the residence of Thomas Runnell's, who had a large herd of cattle. The next place that he put in an appearance was on the farm of Ned Williams, about a mile from Runnell's, where he was found dead the next morning in a shed where there was a number of cattle and hogs.

On Tuesday last two cows of Mr. Runnell's were taken sick, and frothed and foamed at the mouth. It was suggested that probably they had lost their cud or had eaten something that got fast in their throats. Mr. Davis and Mr. Tobias both rolled up their sleeves and ran their bare arms down the throats of the cows to see if they could detect anything. Mr. Tobias had a large cut on his hand which was bleeding when he put his hand into the mouths of the animals.

While this state of affairs was existing, a school teacher from Greenville, Luzerne county, happened in the neighborhood, and being informed of the disease among the cattle, said a friend of his a short distance from Greenville had thirteen sheep die from the bite of a mad dog, and it proved to be the one that had been seen at the places named above. Two cows belonging to M. Runnell died on

Friday, and he had to shoot a large bull on Saturday last that was taken with a fit and showed evidence of viciousness. Mr. Williams also lost one cow from the same cause. It is not known how many cattle have been bitten, as large numbers were running out on the different farms.

Since the fact had been established that the cows were bitten by a mad dog, the gentlemen who had been doctoring the cattle are very much alarmed, especially Mr. Tobias, who had the cut on his hand.

#### Bear and Mule.

Last Saturday a gentleman living near Madison station, on the Memphis and Little Rock road, left his home to go to the village. He had not proceeded more than two hundred yards, mounted on a lineal descendant of Balaam's ass, when he encountered a great, greasy black bear. The bear was astonished, and, without taking time to think, hurried up a scaly-bark hickory and seated himself very comfortably on a limb, thirty or forty feet from the ground. The farmer was completely puzzled. If he rode back to his house to get his gun the bear would surely escape. He therefore tied the mule, a long-eared, melancholy mule, forty or fifty years of age, to the body of the tree. The farmer started to his house, and Bruin, divining his plans, deemed it proper to get away. He doubtless suspected that a gun was coming. He came slowly down, tearing the bark from the body of the tree. It rattled about the sleepy mule's head, who had not yet seen the bear, and dreamed not of the proximity of the ugly beast. The bear descended slowly till he was within five feet of the mule's great ugly head. Then it was that the stupid, innocent, unsuspecting mule looked up. He had never seen a bear before. His knees smote one another. Hegrew pale in the face. His eyes were projected from his head—the farmer said half a foot. His tail was slowly lifted, the hairs turned awry, till it stood at an angle of forty-five degrees above his spinal column, and then it was that the mule "hoved a sigh and smoled a smile." It was an unearthly sound; the farmer, fifty yards away, says it shook the ground where he stood watching the progress of events. The bear suddenly twisted itself about and reascended to its perch. The muleswooningly fell at the base of the tree. He lay still and apparently lifeless for a time, when Bruin again attempted the descent; but the terrified mule howled and roared even more terribly and piteously when the bark began to fall, and he dashed and danced about the tree so frantically that bruin hesitated, and finally, in stupefied amazement, sat upon the limb upon which he first rested. The farmer came with his rifle, and a bullet soon stopped the pulse beats of the bear. It fell heavily beside the mule, and strange to tell, as told to us, the mule and bear died side by side—the one of a mortal wound, the other of mortal terror. The bear was still as black as Erebus; the mule's face was already white with an indescribable agony of mortal fear.—*Memphis Appeal.*

An Easton (Pa.) doctor recently presented his son, a medical college student, with a nice, fresh corpse as a birth-day present, upon which he could hack away at his leisure.

A girl with \$5,000 a year a vertises for a husband in the London papers. The trouble is she wants a lord and they are scarce at the price.

It now turns out that Louis Napoleon entered upon the war with Germany in a physical condition utterly unfit for the work and responsibilities of the campaign. His disease—calculus—was frightfully aggravated, also, by horseback riding.

M. Louis Blanc supports the government of M. Thiers only to prevent anarchy. He dislikes the Presidential institution, and hopes that the present government may calmly, if slowly, be merged into a more republican form.

The spinsters of Glasgow are preparing a petition for the enforcement of a Parliamentary act of the fifteenth century, which provides a penalty for any bachelor who should decline an offer of marriage from one of the fair sex.

## PROSPECTUS

TO THE  
LIFE AND WRITINGS

OF THE LATE

ELDER PARLEY PARKER PRATT.

I contemplate publishing an edition of the Life and Writings of the late Elder Parley P. Pratt, written by himself.

My father desired to have this work published while on his last mission to the eastern States, but not being able to accomplish his object, he placed the manuscript in care of Elder Geo. A. Smith, who was then in the East, requesting him to convey the same safely into my hands. On his, Elder Smith's, arrival home, the writings were delivered to me.

Previous, however, to the author's going east, he placed me under solemn promise and covenant that, in case he did not live to see his history in print, in due time, I would have it published.

In order to carry out the design and request of my much respected and lamented father I am now sending out this prospectus, that the public may be apprised of the nature and general character of the work, and be prepared to subscribe for the same if they feel disposed.

A perusal of the work will show that the author has not been the recorder of a certain number of dull, stale, and uninteresting events; but in writing his life, he has bestowed upon it a great amount of care, thought and labor, passing over portions that would be of no interest to the general reader, and selecting the most noted and striking incidents of, as he says himself, a truly eventful life, and with the pen of a ready writer weaving them into history with an originality, a force and beauty of style peculiar to himself.

In reading the work I am strongly reminded of the saying that truth is stranger than fiction: and in conversing about it with the General Historian of the Church, Hon. George A. Smith, he remarked to me:—"Your father's history is written in his best and happiest style and is one of the most interesting works that I have ever perused."

Below I give portions of the headings to some few chapters, etc.

CHAPTER 1.—Genealogy, etc.

CHAPTER 2.—Childhood—Youth—Education—Early Impressions—Journey to the West—Make a new farm in the wilderness of Oswego.

CHAPTER 3.—Revisit Canaan, N.Y.—Interesting meeting—Marriage—Return to my First Home.

CHAPTER 4.—Interview with Hyrum Smith—Visit to the church—Ministry among my Kindred and Baptism of my brother Orson—Wonderful Signs in the Heavens—First Interview with Joseph Smith—Description of his Person and Abilities, etc.

CHAPTER 5.—Description of the Inhabitants on the south side of the Missouri River—Instantaneous Healing—Strange Manifestations—Discourse on board a steamer on the 4th of July—Its effect—A voice from the dead—Exposure in crossing the swamps—Hospitality of a preacher, etc.

CHAPTER 6.—An army—Long march—A voice—Delegation to the Governor—A solemn oath—Great storm and flood—Mob committee—Sudden destruction—Labor with my hands—Calling and ordination of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles—My ordination, blessing and charge.

CHAPTER 7.—Removal to Kirtland—A Temple—Endowments—Prophecies, Visions, etc.—Visit from H. C. Kimball—A remarkable prophecy and its fulfillment—Mission to Canada—Falls of Niagara—Reflections.

CHAPTER 8.—Betrayal and imprisonment of Joseph Smith and others—Secret inquisitorial trial of the prisoners—Sentence of death—How reversed—A Judas—Preaching in camp by Pres. Smith—Farewell scenes.

CHAPTER 9.—Massacre at Haun's Mill.

CHAPTER 10.—Conduct of Colonel Price and guards—Rebuke by Joseph Smith—Contrast between King Herod and Governor Boggs—Wholesale extermination of the Mormons threatened—My family visit me in prison.

CHAPTER 11.—Joseph Smith and his fellow prisoners—Reflections in prison—Mock trial—Final escape—"P. P. Pratt's Imprisonment and Escape while in Missouri."

From the preceding headings selected at random, the public will be enabled to form a tolerably correct idea of the character of the work.

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The autobiography which I am about to publish, will contain a full and complete account of the Author's life, from his boyhood to his martyrdom, and I trust it will be well received and duly appreciated by all lovers of truth, and be the means, through the blessing of God, of accomplishing much good, for it may now be said of the author, as it was said of Abel, viz: "He being dead yet speaketh."

Yours, Respectfully,

P. P. PRATT.

N. B. The work will be sent post paid to any part of the country, on receipt of the price, either in U. S. Currency, or P. O. Orders, for the amount.

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